**Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand**

†3400. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttarakhand for which demand for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas has been raised in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open some new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand in the year 2007-08; and

(c) if so, the details of such Vidyalayas, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The places in Uttarakhand for which request for opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya have been received are as follows:—

1. Chakrata (District Dehradun)
2. Mehalchori (District Chamoli)
3. Deghat (District Almora)
4. Kotdwar (District Pithoragrah)
5. Tezrum (District Pithoragarh)
6. Jainti (District Almora)
7. Masi (District Almora)
8. Nagarujnsain (Pandukhal) (District Almora)

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

**Professional degree holders in OBC**

3401. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of professional degree holders belonging to other backward classes is far less than that of those belonging to general category;

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(b) if so, the extent of difference of percentages;

(c) whether it is a fact that this gap in percentages owes to the reason that the OBC students are mostly unable to avail themselves of the opportunity of admission in professional courses of higher education; and

(d) how Government are preparing to overcome this barrier that OBC students are confronted with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No statistical details with regard to professional degrees held by the Other Backward Classes is centrally maintained.

**Salary of staff of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

3402. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of salary for each category of SSA staff;

(b) the fate of these teachers when SSA programme will cease to continue; and

(c) the plan of Government to absorb them as regular staff of the HRD department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Under the framework of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), management staff are appointed on contract/deputation basis to the State SSA programme. The amount of salary/honorarium paid to each category of management staff is decided by each State, respectively.

The service conditions of teachers appointed under the SSA programme, are as per the terms and conditions of the concerned State Govt.

While teachers salaries will be borne by the State/UT Govt, after the SSA programme ends, management staff positions which are not permanent posts, and will cease to exist on completion of the SSA programme.